

Amendments To The Claims

Please renumber and amend the claims below, according to the listing of claims below, which replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Note that claims numbered 2000-2007 have been renumbered 41-48 and follow physically (in the sheets) after claim 40. Except for renumbered claims 41-48, all other claims are withdrawn.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

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[[2000.]] 41. (new) A method of homogenizing a network having a first heterogeneous element that produces a first output and a second heterogeneous element that produces a second output, comprising the step of providing a service to the second heterogeneous element to make [[its]] said [[first]] second output appear to be of an element that has the same sentient nature as said [[second output]] first heterogeneous element.

[[2001.]] 42. (new) The method of claim [[2000]] 41, wherein first heterogeneous element is a fuller functional station having a set of features and said second

heterogeneous element is a lesser functional station having a reduced set of features than said fuller functional station has, and said first heterogeneous element provides a service to said second heterogeneous element so that the output of said second heterogeneous element approximates that of [[a]] said fuller functional [[stations]] station.

[[2002.]] 43. (new) The method of [[2001]] 42, wherein said lesser functional station is equipped to send a [[CAS]] Contextual Addressing Scheme message but cannot receive a [[CAS]] Contextual Addressing Scheme message.

[[2003.]] 44. (new) The method of claims [[2000-2002]] 42 or 43, wherein said [[filler]] fuller functional station is fully time sentient and said lesser functional station is limited time sentient, where fully time sentient means said fuller functional station has a clock that is coordinated with the time of a third station, and said limited functional station has a clock that cannot be so coordinated.

[[2004.]] 45. (new) The method of claims [[2000-2003]] 42 or 43, wherein said lesser functional station inherits a Contextual Attribute from its custodial, fuller functional station.

[[2005.]] 46. (new) The method of claims [[2000-2004]] 42 or 43, wherein said fuller functional station has a back-up battery and the lesser functional station does not have a back-up battery.

[[2006.]] 47. (new) The method of claims [[2000-2005]] 42 or 43, wherein each station is time-sentient.

[[2007.]] 48. (new) The method of claims [[2000-2006]] 42 or 43, wherein the time-sentence of one station means that it has an internal counter that [[does not]] cannot coordinate with the time outside the station, and the time-sentence

of a second station means that it has an internal counter that does coordinate with time outside itself.

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